GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATED CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) complements the Child Labour Act, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to amend and merge the ICPS and the Child Labour Act, 1986 to ensure a more holistic scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam.

The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 (CLPR Act) prohibits employment of children below the age of 14 years in any of the hazardous occupations and processes laid down in the Schedule of this Act whereas, the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), is a comprehensive Centrally Sponsored Scheme, which aims to provide a safe and secure environment to children in difficult circumstances, including working children, upto the age of 18 years, in accordance with the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 (JJ Act).

Thus, the Scheme complements the CLPR Act as it provides for Care, Support, Rehabilitation and Statutory services for all children in need of Care and Protection, which includes children working in hazardous occupations, rescued under the Child Labour Act.